

Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) An apparatus including:

a cassette;

wherein the cassette is adapted for use in an automated banking machine;

wherein the cassette is operative to hold media therein;

wherein the cassette has an outer surface;

wherein the cassette includes a plurality of indicator members movably connected thereto;

wherein each of the members includes an end thereof and an axis;

wherein the axis is generally perpendicular to the outer surface;

wherein each end is operative to be moved between a first axial position and a second axial position;

~~wherein at least one of the first and second positions is spaced outwardly from the outer surface;~~

~~wherein at least one of the first and second positions is indicative of data regarding the cassette~~

An automated banking machine currency cassette including:

a media-low indicator device,

wherein the indicator device is operative to indicate a cassette media-low condition.

wherein the indicator device is operative for movement between an indicating position and a non-indicating position,

a media-low lockout arrangement,

wherein the arrangement is operative to automatically lock the indicator device in one of the indicating and non-indicating positions.

45. (new) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the arrangement is operative to automatically lock the indicator device in a non-indicating condition.

46. (new) The cassette according to claim 45 wherein the arrangement is operative to automatically place the indicator device in an unlocked condition.

47. (new) The cassette according to claim 46 wherein the arrangement is operative to automatically place the indicator device in an unlocked condition during insertion of the cassette into an automated banking machine.

48. (new) The cassette according to claim 47 wherein the cassette comprises a door, wherein the door is operative to move during insertion of the cassette into an automated banking machine, and wherein the indicator device is placed in an unlocked condition responsive to the door movement.

49. (new) The cassette according to claim 48 wherein the door comprises a tambour door.

50. (new) The cassette according to claim 46 wherein the cassette comprises a lid, and wherein the arrangement is operative to automatically place the indicator device in an unlocked condition during opening of the lid.

51. (new) The cassette according to claim 45 wherein the arrangement is operative to automatically place the indicator device in a locked condition during removal of the cassette from an automated banking machine.

52. (new) The cassette according to claim 51 wherein the cassette comprises a door, wherein the door is operative to move during removal of the cassette from an automated banking machine, and wherein the indicator device is placed in a locked condition responsive to the door movement.

53. (new) The cassette according to claim 52 wherein the door comprises a tambour door.

54. (new) The cassette according to claim 45 wherein the cassette comprises a lid, and wherein the arrangement is operative to automatically place the indicator device in a locked condition during closing of the lid.

55. (new) The cassette according to claim 45 wherein the locking arrangement maintains the indicator device in a locked condition during transport.

56. (new) A method including:

- (a) inserting a media cassette into an automated banking machine, wherein the cassette includes a media-low indicator device;

- (b) removing the cassette from the machine, wherein the removal is operative to automatically lock the indicator device in a generally fixed position.

57. (new) The method according to claim 56 and further comprising

- (c) opening a lid of the cassette, wherein the opening is operative to automatically unlock the indicator device from the generally fixed position of (b).

58. (new) The method according to claim 57 and further comprising

- (d) closing the lid, wherein the closing is operative to automatically lock the indicator device in a generally fixed position.

59. (new) The method according to claim 58 wherein the insertion in (a) is operative to automatically unlock the indicator device from the generally fixed position of (d).

60. (new) A method including:

- (a) closing the lid of a media cassette, wherein the cassette includes a media-low indicator device, wherein the closing is operative to automatically lock the indicator device in a generally fixed position;

- (b) inserting the cassette into an automated banking machine, wherein the insertion is operative to automatically unlock the indicator device from the generally fixed position.